(d) Yes, Sir. Muzarai Department has decided to go ahead with the project with Daharmastala, Dharmasamasthana Pratishtana in accordance with the order dated 12.7.2004 issued by the Karnataka Government.

Funds for ancient and historical buildings

1962. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Twelfth Finance Commission have allocated any funds for upkeep of several ancient and historical buildings in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra and Punjab have submitted any action plan to Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the amount Government have sanctioned/released to each State mentioned above so far during 2005-06 for conservation and protected monuments, till date?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Twelfth Finance Commission has recommended allocation of Rs. 625 crores among various States for heritage conservation i.e. preservation and protection of historical monuments, archaeological sites, public libraries, museums and archives convering the period between 2005-06 and 2009-10.

The Archaeological Survey of India does not get any allocation from the Finance Commission.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Out of the budget allocation to Archaeological Survey of India (Ministry of Culture) for conservation of ancient monuments in 2005-06, ASI has allocated Rs. 757 lac in the State of Maharashtra and Rs. 111.14 lac in the State of Punjab for conservation of Centrally protected monuments.

Heritage sites in Rajasthan under ASI

1963. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of national heritage sites in Rajasthan, under the ASI;

(b) which out of these sites, are being encroached upon or having a risk of their encroachment;

(c) the steps being taken to preserve them;

(d) whether the ASI has recommended any sites in Rajasthan for World Heritiage Sites status; and

(e) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the ASI to the UNESCO for award of such status?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) There are 160 Centrally protected monuments/sites under the Archaeological Survey of India in Rajasthan. Of these the following four monuments/sites have been encroached upon:

1. Chittorgarh Fort, District Chittorgarh.
2. Bhatner Fort, District Hanumangarh.
3. Ranthambore Fort, District Sawai Madhopur,
4. Kumbhalgarh Fort, District Rajsamand.

(c) As and when any encroachment is noticed/reported in the protected limit of the Centrally protected monuments/site a notice is issued to the encroachers under the provisions of section 19(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rule 38(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules 1959. Simultaneously help from the local police is also sought by lodging a complaint and by registering FIR. If no response is received from the encroachers, the Central Government (Director General, Archaeological Survey of India) under section 19(2) of A.M.A.S.R. Act, 1958 and Rule 38(2)ofA.M.A.S.R. Rules, 1959, by an order, direct the District Collector to demolish the illegal construction. If the above procedure fails to yield result and the State Government also could not remove the. encroachment, legal action is initiated against the encroachers by filing a case in the court of law.

In addition to the above, the Superintending Archaeologist's are also vested with the powers of an Estate Officer under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971.

(d) and (e) No monument/site from Rajasthan has been recommended for inscription in the list of World Heritage Sites (WHS). However the Archaeological Survey of India is in the process of expanding the Tentative Lists (for ultimate nomination for inscription in the list of WHS) by including additional sites from all circles, including the Jaipur Circle in Rajasthan.